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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSTFGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SECTO 484 (JERUSALEM 658)

1. IN FAHMY'S ABSENCE, I CONVEYED TO SIRRI THIS MORNING
MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL. I TOLD HIM IT REPRESENTS
WHAT WE ARE SAYING AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF
VARIOUS MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES, UN AND ROME.
I ALSO TOLD HIM OF YOUR SPECIAL MESSAGE TO KUWAIT. SIRRI,
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AFTER READING THE MESSAGE, THOUGHT IT SUFFICIENTLY

IMPORTANT TO SEND TO FAHMY RIGHT AWAY.

TM BECAUSE THE AIRPORT IN CAIRO IS CLOSED DUE TO A SANDSTORM, THE PRESIDENT'S AIRCRAFT DID NOT TAKE OFF AT 1100 THIS MORNING AS SCHEDULED. THE PRESIDENT, FAHMY AND OTHERS ARE AT THE REST HOUSE WAITING TO SEE IF CAIRO CONDITIONS CLEAR UP LATER IN THE DAY IN WHICH CASE THEY WILL EMPLANE AS SOON AS THEY CAN. IF CONDITIONS DO NOT CHANGE IN CAIRO, THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT OVERNIGHTING HERE.

3. ALL OF THIS MEANS, OF COURSE, THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IS NOW TOTALLY UP IN THE AIR. IF THE PRESIDENT GETS BACK TODAY, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RESCHEDULE SUCH A MEETING. IF NOT, AND SINCE THE SENATOR IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CAIRO TOMORROW, HE WILL HAVE TO FOREGO MEETING.

4. MY OWN TRAVEL PLANS BACK TO CAIRO ARE ALSO CURRENTLY IN SUSPENSE BECAUSE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS AND THE FACT THAT THIS MORNING'S EGYPTAIR FLIGHTS HAVE EITHER NOT TAKEN OFF FROM ASWAN OR ARE BEING HELD IN LUXOR AND NO ONE IS SURE WHEN THIS AFTERNOON'S FLIGHT WILL ARRIVE. I SHALL CONTINUE TO TRY TO GET BACK TO CAIRO TO BRIEF THE SENATOR.
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